

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A garment comprising a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body, wherein:

the garment in part has a portion with a strong straining force;

the portion with a strong straining force is a first strong straining portion;

wearer's right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment adapted to correspond ~~corresponding~~ to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body; and

the first portion is adapted to cover a region extending from said position through the furthest dorsal point ~~apex~~ of bulge of each buttock in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus gluteus maximus to at least the vicinity of trochanter major at wearer's right and left.

2. (Currently Amended): The garment according to claim 1, further comprising a second strong straining portion, wherein:

right and left parts of the second portion are connected at a position on the garment adapted to correspond ~~corresponding~~ to musculus rectus abdominis in a hypogastric region; and

the second portion is adapted to cover a region extending obliquely downward from the position on musculus rectus abdominis in a hypogastric region approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus obliquus internus abdominis at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major.

**Claims 3-6 (Cancelled).**

a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body; a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force, wherein wearer's right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment and adapted to correspond ~~corresponding~~ to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body;

the second portion being adapted to cover a region extending obliquely downward from the right and left lower sides of the third portion approximately in the directions of muscle fibers of musculus obliquus internus abdominis at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major.

a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body;

a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force,

wherein right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment adapted to correspond ~~corresponding~~ to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body;

the first portion is adapted to cover a region extending from said position through tops of bulges of the buttocks or vicinities thereof approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus gluteus maximus at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major;

a third strong straining portion adapted to press the abdomen; and

a fourth strong straining portion ,

wherein the third portion has a main stretch direction in the longitudinal direction of the garment;

the third portion is adapted to cover the center of a hypogastric region;

an end of the fourth portion is connected to each of right and left upper sides of the third portion; and

the fourth portion is adapted to cover a region extending obliquely upward from the right and left upper sides of the third portion approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus obliquus externus abdominis at wearer's right and left to at least a position exceeding the sides of the wearer to the back side.

9. (Currently Amended): A garment comprising:

a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body;

a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force,

wherein right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment adapted to correspond ~~corresponding~~ to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body;



14. (Currently Amended): The garment according to claim 1, wherein:  
the second portion also has a sixth strong straining portion ; and  
the sixth portion is adapted to cover further a region extending from the vicinity of trochanter trochanter major through at least a part of hamstrings in regio femoralis posterior.

the fourth portion is adapted to cover a region extending obliquely upward from the position on musculus rectus abdominis in hypogastric region approximately in the direction of

muscle fibers of musculus obloquies externus adominis at wearer's right and left to at least a position exceeding the sides of the wearer to the back side.

26. (Currently Amended): The garment according to claim 2, further comprising:  
a fourth strong straining portion,,  
wherein right and left parts of the fourth portion are connected at a position on the garment adapted to correspond ~~corresponding~~ to musculus rectus abdominis in a hypogastric region;  
and

the fourth portion is adapted to cover a region extending obliquely upward from the position on musculus rectus abdominis in a hypogastric region approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus obloquies externus abdominis at wearer's right and left to at least a position exceeding the sides of the wearer to the back side.

27. (Currently Amended): A garment comprising:  
a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body;  
a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force,  
wherein right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment adapted to correspond ~~corresponding~~ to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body;

the first portion is adapted to cover a region extending from said position through tops of bulges of the buttocks or vicinities thereof approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus gluteus maximus at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major; and

a seventh strong straining portion ,  
wherein right and left parts of the seventh portion are connected approximately in the vicinity of a position on the garment adapted to correspond ~~corresponding~~ to the back center of the waist; and

the seventh portion is adapted to cover a region extending from the vicinity of the position at the back center of the waist through musculus latissimus dorsi and musculus gluteus medius at wearer's right and left and a part of musculus obloquies externus abdominis to at least a position exceeding the sides of the wearer to the front side.

28. (Currently Amended): The garment according to claim 26, further comprising:

a seventh strong straining portion,

wherein right and left parts of the seventh portion are connected approximately in the vicinity of a position on the garment adapted to correspond ~~corresponding~~ to the back center of the waist; and

the seventh portion is adapted to cover a region extending from the vicinity of the position at the back center of the waist through musculus latissimus dorsi and musculus gluteus medius at wearer's right and left and a part of musculus obloquies externus abdominis to at least a position exceeding the sides of the wearer to the front side.

29. (Currently Amended): A garment comprising:

a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body;

a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force,

wherein right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment adapted to correspond ~~corresponding~~ to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body; and

the first portion is adapted to cover a region extending from said position through tops of bulges of the buttocks or vicinities thereof approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus gluteus maximus at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major;

the first portion also has an eighth strong straining portion,

wherein the eighth portion is adapted to cover further a region extending from the vicinity of trochanter major toward regio femoralis anterior medialis through at least a part of any at least one musculus quadriceps femoris selected from musculus sartorius, musculus rectus femoris and musculus vastus medialis.

30. (Currently Amended): A garment comprising:

a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body;

a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force,

wherein right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment adapted to correspond ~~corresponding~~ to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body; and

the first portion is adapted to cover a region extending from said position through tops of bulges of the buttocks or vicinities thereof approximately in the direction of muscle fibers of musculus gluteus maximus at wearer's right and left to at least the vicinity of trochanter major;

the first portion also has a ninth strong straining portion,

wherein the ninth portion is adapted to cover further a region extending from the vicinity of trochanter major through the vicinity of tractus iliotibialis and/or musculus vastus lateralis in regio femoralis to a position a little higher than patella.

31. (Currently Amended): A garment comprising:

a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body;;

a first strong straining portion with a strong straining force,

wherein right and left parts of the first portion are connected at a position on the back side of the garment adapted to correspond ~~corresponding~~ to any region from os sacrum to vertebrae lumbalis of the wearer's body; and



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40. (Previously Presented): The garment according to claim 1, wherein:

- the garment comprises a stretch fabric,
- the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is worn by being fitted to the wearer body,
- the position of a lower end of the garment is approximately the same as or higher than the position of the crotch part; and

41. (Currently Amended): The garment according to claim 31, further comprising a twelfth strong straining portion, wherein:

42 (Currently Amended): A garment comprising a stretch fabric wherein the garment is adapted to cover at least a part of the lower body of a wearer, has a crotch part, and is adapted to be worn by being fitted to the wearer's body, wherein:

the portion with a strong straining force is a first strong straining portion;

the first portion is adapted to cover a region starting from said position, running in the direction of the muscle fibers of musculus gluteus maximus to extend over the furthest posterior highest point of each buttock at right and left sides of the garment, and reaching at least the vicinity of trochanter major.